

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 619  
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S E C R E T JERUSALEM 887

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR, MARR, UNSC, LE, IS, XF  
SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: UNIFIL: COORDINATION WITH ARAFAT

1. GIVEN MEDIA ACCOUNTS OF PROBLEMS WITH SWEDISH CONTINGENT  
AND FIRING FROM TYRE, I CALLED SIILASVUO AFTERNOON MARCH 27.  
HE SAID HE WAS ENCOUNTERING "NO SPECIAL PROBLEMS". HE  
VOLUNTEERED THAT HE HAD HAD PROBLEMS WITH SWedes AND GAVE  
ME AN ACCOUNT SIMILAR TO ONE REPORTED JERUSALEM 885. IN  
REPLY TO MY QUESTION ABOUT SITUATION IN AND AROUND TYRE,  
SIILASVUO SAID HE HAD NO REPORTS OF ANY DIFFICULTY INVOLVING  
UNIFIL.

2. SIILASVUO, ERSKINE, ET AL HAVE BEEN ASKED TO COME TO A  
MEETING WITH GUR IN TEL AVIV AT 1730 HOURS TODAY.

3. FROM SEPARATE SOURCE, UNDERSTAND ERSKINE AND JONAH DEPARTING  
EARLY MARCH 28 FOR MEETING WITH ARAFAT IN BEIRUT. PRESENT PLAN IS  
FOR UNTSO CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER (LTC POTTER, USA) TO  
ACCOMPANY ERSKINE. ALTHOUGH LTC POTTER IS ASSIGNED TO  
UNTSO AND UNDER THE COMMAND OF ERSKINE, I WONDER WHETHER  
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IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR HIM TO ACCOMPANY ERSKINE TO A  
MEETING WITH ARAFAT. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THIS COULD  
IMPAIR POTTER'S EFFECTIVE AND CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS  
WITH IDF LO COL LEVINSON. IF DEPARTMENT HAS ANY VIEWS ON THIS  
MATTER, THEY SHOULD BE RECEIVED HERE PRIOR TO 0600 LOCAL  
MARCH 28.  
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